

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Pavuk	Mr. Brogan
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BUSINESS:

Motion to Adopt the 2022 Budget and Tax Levy - A balanced budget was prepared for \$2,413,478.29 with no proposed tax increase. Georgiann made the motion to adopt the 2022 Budget and Resolution 6 of 2021. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Greenland Payment Request #3 – Mary Peters explained that this pay request is for all the infrastructure work and it is in the amount of \$239,262.65. Her office has reviewed the request and recommends it for board approval. John made the motion. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all. Mary explained that everything is complete the only thing left would be the restoration and the demobilization. Jerry asked about the unmarked storm drain that was hit. Mary stated that it was fixed immediately. The final pay request should be submitted next month and the warranty will be good for the following year.

Phase II Environmental Study - Attny Karpowich explained that the first phase was done and it was determined that the tanks were not removed and additional testing needs to be done to make sure there is no contamination. There are a total of 5 tanks that may have to be removed, but he explained that there are grants available for such things. The property is slated for tax sale so the twp needs to get the work done so we can acquire it. John made the motion to move ahead with the phase II of the study. Ggeorgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all. Attny Karpowich explained that he is still waiting on the report from the structural engineer for the two remaining homes.

Proposed I80 Tolling Resolution - Attny Karpowich explained that it would be nice for the twp to sponsor a resolution to support the Borough because of the impact it will have on their community.

Engineers Report – Mary stated that the grant that was received for \$168K can only be used for the 940 sewer extension and only for construction, no engineering or administrative costs. She reached out to Greenland to see if they would like to continue on with the work because they were only able to go to Jimbos, and the project is approved to go to Gera’s garage. They declined the offer. Attny Karpowich asked if Mary can get a proposal together for engineering fees to continue the extension and he will propose something to the new owners of the system. They may agree to cover the costs that are not covered by the grant. There was discussion about bringing the sewer from Crescent Road down 940 because there are septic issues with property owners right up from Gera’s garage. Mary stated that the last time she went out and tried to get interest from the homeowners on Crescent, there was no interest at all, but she can always try again if the board wants her to. Jerry would like to know if a loan can be taken out for the paving of Fern, Ridge and Washington Streets if the twp does not receive the grants that were applied for? Attny Karpowich explained that the twp would need to figure out what percentage of LF monies needs to be used for items other than paving and then they would be able to base out a ten-year repayment.

Police Report – Not available for time of meeting.

Sewer Report – Jerry stated that he spoke with Tom Wanick and the Youngstown pumping station is a mess and it is coming from citterios. Attny Karpowich stated that once the repairs are made then the twp can try and seek reimbursement from citterios. Also, Attny Karpowich stated that he believes it would be in the twp’s best interest to adopt a pretreatment ordinance that hands the reins over to FMA, instead of Foster being in the middle. FMA has stated that if the twp adopts it then they are willing to extend the pretreatment agreement for an additional ten years. John Petrick reported the following: Currently there is \$179,367.59 owed to the township in delinquent sewers. \$51.951 in liens and \$57,450.80 in judgments with an additional 21 accounts that should have liens applied to them in the amount of \$17,913.51. He is suggesting that starting in January all accounts that are past due \$600 should have liens put against them and any accounts over \$300-\$599 should have judgments put against them. He stated that the township and the office staff have been very flexible with the homeowners and some of the people do not make any effort to catch up. It is not fair to the homeowners that do.

Solicitor’s Report – Attny Karpowich stated that there is a meeting scheduled next week with PA American Water to work through the sale of the system. Once the pretreatment ordinance is passed there will be a meeting schedule with DEP as well. Attny Karpowich explained that Jack Varaly is updating the zoning map to reflect all the recent changes that were made. He explained that there was a ZHB meeting for the use of a cargo container as a storage shed. At the hearing the members decided that they did not concur with the zoning officers decision and the property owner was granted the use. He is suggesting an amendment to the zoning ordinance to clearly identify these cargo containers

because as of right now it is not acknowledged in the ordinance. John made the motion to have Attny Karpowich draft an amendment. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Zoning Report – By Georgiann: 4 Zoning permits were issued: 526 Green St for a fence, 611 Cedar St for solar panels, 512 Green St. for solar panels and 228 Highland Main St for a storage shed. 5 building permits were issued for each one of those properties listed above and one additional to 2008 State Route 940 for new switch gear. He had one zoning hearing for a use @ 414 Kalmia and 7 total complaints for the month. All reports are available in the zoning office for review.

At this time the board announced the passing of the Foster Township Constable Mr. Robert Dziak. He was also a member of the Foster Township vacancy board. His wife was asked if she would like to fill his position on the vacancy board and she declined the offer. At this time the board decided to appoint Walter Jones for the vacancy board to fulfill Mr. Dziak's term. John made the motion. Jerry seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by John & Jerry. Georgiann abstained from the vote.

Attny Karpowich stated that there is a letter that is being distributed to residents of the township from someone under the name Marcos Jacober. The letter stated that he is interested in selling property to homeowners who own adjacent properties. At this time the letter appears to be fraudulent and all residents should be vigilant and if they suspect that there is something wrong, they should contact their attorney or the police.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Rossi stated that he was very impressed by the work that Greenland did on the sewer extension. Everything looks cosmetically good.

Bill Wilkus asked if the HH board has reached out to the township anymore regarding the bridge. The board stated no. Brittany stated that she was contacted by someone named Barbara and she was told that the twp would need the inspection report and estimate for repair. To date nothing has been received.

Wilson Malloy thanked Jerry for his years of service and stated that he is going to have big shoes to fill.

John Petrick asked about property out on Brickyard Rd that is being leased to the Twp for the use of the shale pit and also another agreement for a hunting club. He stated that the properties have never been posted before and now they are. Over 280 acres, that he states him and his grandkids pick blueberries on. At this time, he showed the board pictures he took of the signs. He stated that the signs are signed by Foster Township, the board stated that they do not have knowledge of the signs and will speak with the road crew regarding such. Mr. Petrick also stated that Brickyard Road is being neglected and it needs to be widened, as only one car can fit through at a time.

Alice Lachewitz asked if Attny Karpowich has an update on the fraud case, of someone using her name? Attny Karpowich stated that she should check with the WHPD Chief, he would have more knowledge of it. She also asked where the zoning officer would be posting the permits issued for each month, the website or the newspaper. Georgiann explained that they will be included in the meeting packet each month. Ms. Lachewitz also stated that Hickory Hills was having a Bridge Committee meeting tonight to discuss going through the federal government for repairs.

At this time Georgiann presented Jerry with a PSATS certificate of service for his 12 years as township supervisor, he will be greatly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

Georgiann made the motion to adjourn. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Majewski

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